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MEMORANDUM FOR: [redacted]
Chief, Special Activities Division
Office of Security

FROM: [redacted] (b)(3)
Chief, Unauthorized Disclosure Analysis Center

SUBJECT: Possible Unauthorized Disclosure
re James S. Kronthal (S)

1. The attached information was provided by a confidential informant on assurance of confidentiality. (S)

2. The informant identifies the Agency asset from whom the information on Mr. Kronthal was obtained. He also notes that the information was acquired while the asset was being handled by either one of two individuals. One of them, William Corson, is the co-author of the book in which the Kronthal information currently appears. (S)

3. If your inquiries can confirm that Corson executed a valid secrecy agreement during his assignment to CIA and that the information described in the book remains classified, we will join you in recommending to the DCI that the matter be referred to the Department of Justice with a request for FBI investigation, to include an interview of Corson. (S)

4. Depending on the results of your inquiries, an alternative approach would be for the Agency to ask the Department of Justice to move against Corson in the civil courts for violation of his secrecy agreement and pre-publication review requirements. (S)

5. If I can be of further assistance, please let me know. (U)

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Allegations of Soviet Espionage - James S. Kronthal

1. Confidential Informant, a former intelligence officer, on being assured of confidentiality, has provided the following information: (S)

2. The story about the alleged espionage of James S. Kronthal appears to be based on information provided to CIA by Dr. Otto John. Source, who has been retired from CIA for many years, is unaware at present as to the location of the information provided by Dr. John, but suggests it should be found in the debriefings of the man or the papers of former DCI Allen Dulles.

3. Source believes the information was derived from Dr. John while he was being handled by either Justin O'Donnell or William Corson. Source added that Dr. John and Allen Dulles had a close relationship in the past and the Dr. John had stayed at Mr. Dulles' home when visiting Washington. (S)

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Edward F. Sayle
Unauthorized Disclosure
Analysis Center

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